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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Sir:

We, Edward J. Grenchus, Jr., Robert A. Keene, and Charles R. Nobs declare that we are joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed in our US Patent Application S/N 09/524,366 which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 14, 2000.

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We further declare that invention disclosed and claimed in said application 09/524,366 was conceived by us in the United States and was reduced to practice in the United States by us and/or under our direction and/or supervision prior to the August 14, 1998 filing date of Graff (US 6,192,347).

In particular, we declare that the following method, system, and computer program product for optimally demanufacturing a product was conceived and actually reduced to practice prior to the August 14, 1998 filing date of Graff (US 6,192,347): means for providing a product for demanufacturing, said product having a plurality of parts, wherein each of said parts comprises one or more commodities, means for collecting a resale price for said product, means for collecting one or more resale prices for one or more of said parts respectively, means for collecting one or more commodity prices for one or more of said commodities respectively, means for determining the labor expense to remove said each of said parts from said product, means for entering said resale prices, said commodity prices, and said labor expense into a computer model, means for executing said computer model to determine a highest commodity value, means for executing said computer model to determine a highest removed parts value, and means for executing said computer model to optimally determine which of said parts, if any, to remove from said product to provide greatest economic benefit by recovering largest revenue.

We further declare that the above is evidenced by the following Exhibit, a true copy of which is included herewith, all of which has dates removed:

EXHIBIT A - IBM invention disclosure END8-1999-230, which formed the basis for the present application S/N 09/524,366.

This disclosure describes that means for optimally demanufacturing a product to provide greatest economic benefit by recovering largest revenue were reduced to practice and workable prior to the August 14, 1998 filing date of Graff (US 6,192,347).

We further declare that all statements made in this declaration of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; with knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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